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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A) Docket Number: **SYN-0182**

In re application of: Ross A. Donelly et al.

Application Number: 10/016,232 Filed: 12/06/2001

For: "MULTIPLE PASS OPTIMIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT PLACEMENT"

Art Unit: 2825 Examiner: Magid Y. Dimyan

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

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